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III. Remarks

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

At page 2, paragraph 2, the Examiner states that informalities are to be corrected in claims 10 through 17. Your applicant respectfully accepts the Examiner's suggested drafts of claims at page 8, paragraph 7.

At page 2, paragraph 2, the Examiner states that informalities are to be corrected in claims 23 through 28. Claims 23, 24 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended. Claim 28 has been cancelled. Your applicant respectfully believes that the informalities identified by the Examiner have been corrected by amending Claims 26 and 27 and by cancelling claims 23-25 and 28.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 112

The Examiner rejects claims 10-17 and 19-28 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Your applicant has accepted the Examiner's suggestions regarding claims 10-17 and 19-21.

Claims 22 - 25 have been cancelled.

The Examiner rejects claims 26-28 stating that "said fuel means" lacks proper positive antecedent basis and furthermore, "any combustible vegetable oil" and "any combustible, liquid fossil fuel" are considered vague and indefinite, because the use of the term "any" is indefinite. Claim 26 has been amended to address these 35 USC 112 rejections. Claim 27 has been amended. Claim 28 has been cancelled.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-25 under 35 USC 103. Claims 22-25 have been cancelled. The Examiner advises that Claim 26 will be allowed if rewritten to include base claim and intervening claim limitations. Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 22-25. Claim 27 has been amended to assert the limitation of the group consisting of liquid fuels. Claim 28 has been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has proposed replacing claims 10-17 and 19-21 with the Examiner's proposed claims 29 through 37 and that claims 14 and 15 be cancelled. Claims 10 through 25 have been cancelled and the Examiner's proposed claims 29 through 37 are accepted.

Regarding cancelled claim 11, which has been replaced with new claim 30, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the claiming of "a demister tank" rather than "the demister tank".

The Examiner has stated that Claims 26-28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 26 and 27 have been amended re: the rejections under 35 USC 112. Claim 26 has been amended to include all limitations of Claims 22 through 25. Claim 27 has been amended and claim 28 has been cancelled.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Your applicant has made a good faith effort to respond to the Examiner's Action of November 2, 2006. Your applicant has addressed each informality, Objection and

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1 Rejection raised by the Examiner. Your applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to
2 accept the Amended Claims and to withdraw the Objections and Rejections and to allow
3 the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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